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Berkowitz refuses to enter court

NEW YORK, May 22 (R). — David Berkowitz, who terrorised New York for a year as the "son of sam" killer, today refused to come to the courtroom to hear his sentence for six murders. A spokesman for the Bronx district attorney told reporters in the packed state Supreme Court in Brooklyn, "he's upstairs but he doesn't want to be sentenced today." Berkowitz, who pleaded guilty on May 8, was to appear before three judges in turn, one from each of the boroughs where he struck before he was captured last August. A judge later adjourned the hearing and set the sentence date for June 12. He also ordered a re-evaluation of Berkowitz's psychiatric state.

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Sarkis to visit Syria next week

DAMASCUS, May 22 (R). — Lebanese President Elias Sarkis will pay an official visit to Syria next week at the head of a government delegation to review all questions of mutual interest, it was announced here today. The announcement was made by Mr. Abdul Halim Khaddam and Mr. Fuad Boutros, respectively the Syrian and Lebanese Foreign Ministers, at a joint press conference. Mr. Boutros, who later left for home after his one-day visit, had talks with President Hafez Assad and Mr. Khaddam on the general Arab situation and bilateral relations, in addition to conditions in southern Lebanon, according to Syrian official sources.

Battle still on near Kolwezi

PARIS, May 22 (R). — French troops in southern Zaire met continued rebel resistance today in the final stages of the accusation of Europeans from the mining town of Kolwezi, the Defence Ministry said.

It said rebels were holding out in positions about 10 kms. from Kolwezi.

French officials made light reports that the French Foreign Legion operation in Kolwezi had upset relations with Belgium, which also sent paratroopers to embattled Shaba Province.

Belgian Prime Minister Leo Tindemans announced on Friday that Foreign Legion paratroopers had started a drop on Kolwezi, just before they actually began the operation. Bel-

gian para-troops on standby in Zaire followed the French into Kolwezi.

French

Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Olivier Stirn told a radio interviewer today: "Secrecy would have been preferable. But basically, there was no disagreement with the Belgians."

Meanwhile, in Kinshasa today President Mobutu Sese Seko accused Belgian Foreign Minister Henri Simonet of deliberately withholding Zaire's appeal for military assistance from the Belgian Defence Ministry.

"The Belgians only arrived on Saturday, when they met Zaire troops who had retaken the airport three days earlier," the president added.

In a separate development, the Zaire Embassy in Brussels today denied published reports that President Mobutu's forces took part in the massacre of white foreigners in Kolwezi.

An eye-witness in the embattled southern Zaire town had told reporters that an armoured car machine-gunned 40 Europeans whose bodies were found heaped in a villa in the most horrific single episode of the rebel invasion.

Andre Lee, who ran a garage for the state-owned Gecamines Mining Company in Kolwezi, said armoured cars were normally used by Zaire government forces. But the Zaire Embassy said that rebels had seized equipment from the Kolwezi garrison and put it to use during the fighting.



His Majesty King Hussein walks with His Highness Prince Mohammad and His Highness Crown Prince Hassan at Amman Airport on Monday following his return from a three-day visit to Saudi Arabia.

Lebanese group claims Orly attack

BEIRUT, May 22 (R). — A previously unknown guerrilla group has vowed to follow up Saturday's operation at Orly Airport with more attacks on Israeli targets in revenge for Israel's invasion of southern Lebanon. The Organisation of the Sons of southern Lebanon assumed responsibility for the shoot-out at Orly and said "our operation was not the last." A communiqué distributed yesterday by the group to press offices here said the operation at Orly had been aimed at "a number of enemy officers who were going towards this plane." Three gunmen, one now confirmed to be Lebanese, opened fire in the crowded El Al Israeli Airlines departure lounge and fought a gun battle with security men and French police before they were shot dead. Several witnesses said the El Al guards opened fire on the gunmen. One French policeman was also killed in the shooting.

Sadat gets 98.29%.

CAIRO, May 22 (R). — President Anwar Sadat today won a 98.29 per cent referendum vote in favour of plans to curb left and rightwing critics, ban Communists from official life and discipline the press.

Announcing the results of yesterday's ballot, Interior Minister Nabawi Isma'il said: "The Egyptian masses have said 'yes' to responsible freedom, sound democracy and honest opposition."

The electorate had safeguarded democracy from slander and doubt-casting, rejected class conflict and rejected calls for "deviation, exploitation and feudalism," he said.

The outcome of the vote was never in doubt. In past referenda Mr. Sadat has always obtained an overwhelming majority — 99.42 per

"yes" vote

press activity and ban completely critics considered undesirable. The proposals aim at purging the leftist Unionist Progressive Party of Communist elements and the conservative New Wafd party of members who were in the old Wafd before the 1952 Revolution.

It is from these two parties that the brunt of the criticism has come.

Communists are also banned from holding senior jobs in the government or state industry, from joining trade unions, from holding posts in the media and from writing in the press between opposition deputies and ministers.

Parliament now has the task of translating the referendum's proposals into law. These basically lay down tight ground rules for political and

AMMAN, May 22 (JNA). — His Majesty King Hussein returned here this afternoon from a three-day visit to Saudi Arabia during which he held talks with Saudi Viceroy and Crown Prince Fahd Ibn Abdul 'Aziz on efforts to achieve Arab detente and solidarity and on how to face the occupation of Arab territories and deal with the Palestinian issue with a unified Arab stand.

King Hussein was welcomed on arrival here by His Highness Prince Mohammad, Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Amer Khammash and the Jordanian ambassador in Jeddah, and the under-secretary of the Saudi Foreign Ministry.

Later, yesterday evening, King Hussein and the accompanying delegation left Jeddah for Mecca where they performed the Umrah rites at the Holy Haram.

The King had left Jeddah this morning for Medina where he and the accompanying delegation, visited the tomb of the Prophet and offered prayers.

His Majesty had held talks in Jeddah with Crown Prince Fahd yesterday during which they reviewed at length the current Arab situation.

Rome editor charged for publishing terrorist text

ROME, May 22 (AP). — The office of Italy's attorney general today filed charges against the chief editor of Rome's large circulation daily *Il Messaggero* for printing a purported terrorist communiqué whose publication had been banned.

On Saturday an anonymous telephone call told *Il Messaggero* a leaflet allegedly from the Red Brigades could be found in a street trash can, a system the kidnappers and killers of former Premier Aldo Moro used to make known its communiques. After the two-page photocopy of a typed text was found, police issued an order forbidding news media from "publishing in any way the contents of the leaflet."

But yesterday *Il Messaggero* published the text of the leaflet, even after State Attorney Guido Guasco said the communiqué was considered relevant to investigations into the Red Brigades. He said that as a result the leaflet fell under the law decreeing that judicial evidence must remain secret pending conclusion of the inquiry.

The attorney's office said that because he published the leaflet, *Il Messaggero*'s chief editor Luigi Fossati was charged with "arbitrary publication of documents regarding criminal proceedings and disobeying regulations from authorities."

Brzezinski, Hua hold Peking talks

PEKING, May 22 (R). — President Carter's National Security Affairs Adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski, met Chinese leader Hua Ku-feng today after talks with other top officials in what informed diplomatic sources described as a positive atmosphere.

Mr. Brzezinski met the Communist Party chairman and premier in the Great Hall of the People, where he has had his other talks since arriving on Saturday.

The sources said the atmosphere in the discussions with Senior Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping and Foreign Minister Huang Hua was much more positive than during the visit of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance ten months ago.

Mr. Brzezinski is the most senior U.S. government officials to come to Peking since then.

Mr. Brzezinski also visited China's famed Great Wall outside Peking today and had no further talks scheduled with top Chinese officials, a spokesman for the U.S. Liaison Office in Peking said.

The spokesman said that Mr. Brzezinski would host a return banquet tonight which will be attended by Foreign Minister Huang and Minister of Culture Huang Chen.

Asked whether there was a possibility of another meeting with Vice Premier Teng, the spokesman said: "There's nothing scheduled at this point." Mr. Brzezinski leaves Peking tomorrow morning for Tokyo.

Queen Elizabeth in West Germany

BONN, May 22 (R). — Britain's Queen Elizabeth started a five-day state visit to West Germany today with security kept to the minimum at the monarch's personal request. A few thousand people stood and cheered as the queen and her husband Prince Philip drove from the airport in a glass-topped Rolls-Royce along roads lined with Union Jacks and West German flags. The Queen told West German authorities she did not want to be screened off from the public by massive police cordons.

OPEC today discusses dollar's decline

VIENNA, May 22 (R). — Finance ministers of oil-exporting countries, worried by revenue losses due to the decline in the value of the U.S. dollar, will meet here tomorrow to examine ways to stabilise their income. A spokesman for the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) said the ministers would discuss a series of reports on the international monetary situation and plans for closer economic collaboration among the member states.

Israel will counter "threat" of U.S. arms deal, withdraw from Lebanon by June 13

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 22 (R). — The Israeli cabinet "deplored" the sale of American warplanes to Saudi Arabia and Egypt and agreed to "take steps to counter this emerging threat." It also announced it will pull its forces out of southern Lebanon by June 13.

Cabinet spokesman Arye Naor said the ministers agreed during a four-and-a-half hour meeting yesterday that the sale of 60 F-5E fighters to Egypt "undermined the Middle East arms balance."

It was the first cabinet meeting since the United States Senate approved the aircraft deal last week.

Mr. Naor told reporters: "Ministers also expressed concern at the possibility that U.S. military supplies to Egypt and Saudi Arabia will lead to a fu-

ther hardening of the Arab position which remains inflexible and uncompromising."

Mr. Naor went on: "Ministers expressed the view that the above development constitutes a threat to the security of Israel. The government will take steps to counter this emerging threat."

Mr. Naor did not say what these might be. There has been speculation that Israel might try to go ahead with production of its own advanced warplane, a project codenamed Arye, so

as to reduce dependency on American arms.

The cabinet had been expected to tackle problems now blocking the progress of peace negotiations between Israel and Egypt. But Mr. Naor said this subject was relegated to future cabinet meetings.

On Lebanon, the government yesterday authorised Defence Minister Ezer Weizman and the Chief-of-Staff, Lt.-Gen. Rafael Eitan, to confer with United Nations representatives to work out the details of withdrawal from south Lebanon by June 13.

U.N. will use force to prevent guerrilla return to S. Lebanon

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 22 (R). — The United Nations has reassured Israel that its peace-keeping force in south Lebanon would use force if necessary to prevent the infiltration of Palestinian guerrillas into the area, Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan said here today.

Mr. Dayan told reporters: "The commitment was given to him by U.N. Under-Secretary

Mr. Roberto Guyer, who is now touring U.N. positions in south Lebanon. The two men met here for 30 minutes.

Mr. Dayan said: "Mr. Guyer reconfirmed the instructions given to the U.N. forces to prevent any illegal armed forces, that is the Palestine Liberation Organisation from infiltrating into the area."

The U.N. force was sent to south Lebanon to replace Is-

leaders: No summits till Sadat stops courting Israel

DAMASCUS, May 22 (R). — Palestinian leaders have announced their firm rejection of any move to hold an Arab summit as long as Egypt persists in its peace initiative with Israel, and instead called for an Arab "hardliners" conference soon.

This was contained in a statement issued here yesterday following a two-day meeting of the 55-member Palestine Central Council (PCCC).

The PCCC serves as a liaison between the Palestine Liberation Organisation Executive Committee and the Palestine National Council (PNC) — parliament-in-exile.

Mr. Khalid Al Fahoum, who heads the PNC and under whose chairmanship the meeting was held, read out the statement.

The statement said: "The PCCC affirms the need for consolidating the national front for steadfastness and resistance ... and holding a summit conference as soon as possible to draw up a plan of action for the coming phase."

The front, made up of Syria, Algeria, the Libyan Jamahiriya, South Yemen and the PLO, was set up in Tripoli last December. It held another summit in Algiers in February to follow up resolutions adopted in Tripoli expressing opposition to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's Middle East peace policy.

The PCCC recommended quick implementation of resolutions adopted at the Algiers summit and approaching Iraq with the aim of persuading it to join the front and shoulder its responsibilities".

Iraq had withdrawn from the Tripoli summit, considering the position taken by the participants to be short of the tough stand needed to face Egypt's overtures to Israel.

The statement said Arab solidarity should be based on "serving the Arab Nation's aims of liberation, repatriation and recovering the national rights of the Palestinian people."

It should also be based on "resisting the Zionist occupation and imperialist forces backing it."

"Arab solidarity requires

st. with the venue to be set later."

The PCCC called on Arab, Islamic and friendly countries to "back the heroic steadfastness of the Palestinian people materially and morally."

On the Palestinian level, it urged overcoming side differences obstructing national unity and developing relations among commando organisations through "democratic dialogue ... on the basis of a clear and unified programme."

The inhabitants of a number of villages in the central and western sectors of southern Lebanon have been angered by incidents involving guerrilla supporters and villagers in which three people were wounded.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat last week visited southern Lebanon and urged his guerrillas not to harass villagers.

The incidents are believed to have taken the form of disciplinary measures against certain individuals following the Israeli invasion.



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Calling all humanists

The latest domestic controversy in Israel concerns government plans to forcibly evict a number of bedouin families from land that the government has "expropriated" for what the Israelis like to call "development purposes".

The controversy over the bedouins being thrown out of thousands of dunums of their land seems to revolve around a neat legal point that smacks of crude cultural imperialism. The Israelis say the bedouins do not own the land they claim to own because they have no legal documents to prove that ownership. Therefore, the Israelis say, the land goes to the government.

We wonder -- as we often do in cases such as this -- what would happen if a similar situation arose with a tribe of American Indians in, say, lovely sun-drenched Arizona? What would happen, we wonder, if a group of white American farmers decided to throw an Indian tribe off its land because the Indians did not have legal documents filed with the Arizona State authorities certifying that the Indians' ancestors had lived on the land for hundreds of years, and showing that the land included religious sites sacred to all the Indians of Arizona?

We hope there is enough honesty left in our mangled world to realise that Indians never filed legal documents laying claim to their ancestral lands, and we think the world should snap out of its sickening stupor and tell the Israelis that the same thing applies to the bedouins of the Negev. The Israeli contention that the bedouins do not have legal titles of ownership to the land is preposterous, because the nature of bedouin culture precludes such legal practices, as does the culture of the American Indian.

The Israelis want to get the Arabs out of Israel, as they want them out of the occupied territories, and their use of shoddy legal arguments is an affront to the established principles of international law and universal human rights. We challenge all those Western humanists with a soft spot in their hearts for oppressed minorities to look at what Israel is doing to its bedouin citizens.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

America seems to expect a "surprise" Israeli strike against the Arabs within the next three months which might reverse the whole situation in the Middle East, AL RAI newspaper said in an editorial Monday.

The newspaper says that authoritative American sources are now talking about a plan by President Jimmy Carter to make a quick move towards resuming the Middle East peace negotiations, particularly on reaching an acceptable formula on the future of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Washington, the newspaper adds, still seems to be waiting for a reply from the Israeli government on a number of questions about the future of the occupied areas. Although on the face of it Israel has not yet formulated a reply it is possible that it may already have made a reply that satisfies Washington because it satisfies other Arab parties, especially "the party most directly concerned."

However, American expectations do not rule out "some Israeli surprises" that would turn the situation upside down as happened in March when Israel occupied south Lebanon.

King Hussein's current deliberations with the Saudi Viceroy and Crown Prince Fahd, aimed at melting the ice among some Arab countries, are bound to give special importance to the possibility of Israel carrying out certain "surprises" on the Arab scene," Al Rai adds.

The newspaper hopes that the joint Jordanian-Saudi move will contribute to progress towards building up an Arab security belt in the face of the expected Israeli "surprise".

AL DUSTOUR criticises the Egyptian plebiscite ordered by President Anwar Sadat to decide the future activities of certain Egyptian political parties and groups. The newspaper describes the plebiscite as an "undemocratic procedure". It says that the deterrent to misuse of the freedom introduced by President Sadat in Egypt should have come from within, not outside, the democratic framework; namely by way of the judiciary.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Art Exhibit

The American Centre is featuring an exhibition of drawings and paintings by Linda Pierce Rawajish. The exhibition ends today.

Film

The British Council is presenting a film, based on Thomas Hardy's novel, entitled "Far From the Madding Crowd," directed by John Schlesinger. The film will be shown this evening at 6:00 and again tomorrow at 6:30. Reserve entry for each performance.

German Film

The Goethe Institute is showing a film entitled "Wir Wunderkinder". The film starts at 8:00 p.m.

Israel probes new pretexts to expropriate further Arab lands in occupied West Bank

TEL AVIV, May 22 (R). — Israeli occupation authorities are looking into the prospects of expropriating more Arab land to build six big Jewish settlements on the West Bank of the River Jordan, officials said today.

Recent moves to take over new tracts of land have run into bitter opposition from Arab villagers. The Israeli Supreme Court has agreed to hear a plea from the villagers that Israeli troops should be stopped from fencing off land belonging to absentee Arab owners.

Plans to settle between 120,000 and 160,000 Jews in six urban centres on the West Bank were disclosed last week by the Defence Ministry -- the department responsible for administering Arab territory captured in the 1967 war.

The idea was put forward by the ministry's Security Planning Committee and will be submitted for government approval.

Backing the scheme is Defence Minister Ezer Weizman who had previously been wid-

ely regarded as unenthusiastic about the settlement drive conducted by ultra-nationalist movements such as the fanatical Gush Emunim.

This view of Mr. Weizman's attitude to the settlers was based on an incident last March when he telephoned home from Washington and insisted that development work should be stopped at the Nabi Saleh settlement near Ramallah.

Sources close to Mr. Weizman said his action then was prompted by concern over the effect of the Nabi Saleh activity would have on his Washington negotiations rather than any fundamental opposition to the settler movement.

Since then development work at Nabi Saleh and other settlements has gone vigorously ahead.

The Defence Ministry plan was to build the urban centres on existing agricultural settlements. These are: Nabi Saleh, Tel Haris and Shomron in the northwestern part of the West Bank and at Givon, Ma'ale Adumim and Efrat ar-

ound Jerusalem.

Defence Ministry sources said the plan envisaged settling about 32,000 families on a total of about 20,000 dunums (about 5,000 acres) of land.

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It was not clear where the planners hoped to find all the new settlers. Gush Emunim has found it difficult to recruit between 2,000 to 3,000 people willing to leave established Israeli communities and face the rigours of settlement life. The present low scale of immigration to Israel gives no hope of filling the places with new arrivals.

In addition to taking over land belonging to absentee owners, Israeli authorities are also fencing off areas which used to be owned by the Jor-

danian government before 1967.

Occupation authorities used to follow the rule that West Bank residents who fled to other Arab countries automatically forfeited their land. But now, according to Arab residents, land belonging to Arabs living in the United States is also being taken over.

The absentee owners have largely tried to prevent this by giving relatives still living in the West Bank power of attorney over the land.

Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij said the Israeli "Custodian of Absentee Property" has been holding up all transactions concerning land owned by Arabs abroad.

According to Ramallah lawyer Aziz Shehada the custodian is refusing to recognise the power-of-attorney arran-

gements made by the absentees.

Israeli authorities on the West Bank referred all questions to the Defence Ministry in Tel Aviv. A spokesman there said: "We are looking into the matter."

According to the newspaper Haaretz, Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon is in favour of small settlements all over the West Bank rather than concentrating activity on six major centres.

Gen. Sharon, the former war hero who talked about populating the West Bank with millions of Jewish settlers, believes the spread of settlements will rule out any question of returning parts of the West Bank to Arab control, Haaretz said.

Mr. Weizman's plan would at least leave open the question of returning eastern parts of the West Bank,

Islamic fund donates \$75,000 to Jordan

AMMAN, May 22 (JNA). — The Islamic Solidarity Fund in Jeddah has donated \$25,000 to the Islamic hospital in Amman and \$50,000 towards the building of mosques in Jordan, according to a telegram received today by the Minister of Waqfs, from the fund council.

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Al Dustour suspended

AMMAN, May 22 (Agencies). — The government decided today to suspend the daily newspaper Al Dustour for four days, effective Tuesday, for publishing reports "harmful to the public interest," the Jordanian News Agency said.

In a separate development, an official spokesman today denied a report published by Al Dustour on Monday stating that a general amnesty for prisoners would be declared in the coming few days.

"The report is totally untrue and without foundation," the spokesman said.

NOTICE TO OUR READERS

As of Friday, May 26, the Jordan Times will start running a weekly version of "What's Going On". This will feature a rundown of cultural, social and sporting events in Jordan over the next week.

We invite all clubs, societies, cultural centres and schools to inform us of their activities exhibitions, meetings and outings that are open to the public. Help us help you to publicise your public events: charity bazaars, school open days, concerts, art, photo or commercial exhibitions, theatrical performances, art, films, lectures and sporting events.

Be sure to inform us of your activities in plenty of time for these items to be published in the weekly listing.

The Jordan Times will also continue to publish daily notices of events under the What's Going On section each day as well as the weekly listing.

Please write as at P.O. Box 6710, telephone 67171 or call in at our offices on the Amman-Sweileh road.

INVITATION FOR TENDER FOR THE OUTSIDE PLANT MAIN FEEDER AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS FOR THE CITY OF AMMAN, JORDAN No. TCC 5/78

The Telecommunications Corporation of Jordan invites the submission of tenders for the supply and installation of telephone cables and materials, testing and commissioning of complete outside plant junction cables, main feeder and distribution systems in the Jabal Amman, Station and Amman central exchanges in the city of Amman. The quotation also requires the installation of three networks, to be provided by the supplier on a turn-key basis, according to the outside plant standards as provided by the Telecommunications Corporation of Jordan.

In addition to the installation of the outside plant cable lines and rewiring existing telephones, the contractor will be required to rehabilitate some existing cables and to remove the existing plant that is to be replaced, and to haul displaced material to TCC central stores.

A. Agents can obtain the tender documents from the Telecommunications Corporation in Amman, Jordan for a price of JD 300 at the following address:

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B. Only those firms that can prove technical qualification and financial capability to accomplish this scope of work will be considered.

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D. The latest date for submission of proposals to the Telecommunications Corporation headquarters in Amman is:

14:00 hours, Sept. 20, 1978.

E. The tender documents consist of the following materials:

1. Instructions to bidders
2. Terms and conditions
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G. Any subsequent amendments will automatically be forwarded to purchasers of the tender documents.

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National News Roundup

NCC debates social security law

AMMAN, May 22 (JNA). — The National Consultative Council meeting under President Ahmad Lawzi, today reviewed the social security law for 1978. It was decided that the law be referred to the council's legal and social committees for further study. Prime Minister Mudar

Badran, also attending the meeting, urged the speedy passage of the law which had been prepared by specialised committees formed by the government from the public and private sectors. Mr. Badran said that the government is prepared to provide expertise for the various committees of the council to aid them in understanding the reasons for and social dimensions of various laws. The council further debated its standing orders (procedural rules) and discussed whether to publicise its debates. The council will resume the debate on standing orders next Monday.

Princess Basma tours Irbid region

IRBID, May 22 (JNA). — Her Highness Princess Basma made an inspection tour of the deaf and dumb institute and the handicapped centre here on Sunday. The Princess also visited various charitable societies in the Irbid governorate, opened popular fashion exhibitions and distributed certificates to graduates of the Ramtha secondary school for girls.

Cabinet approves cultural accord

with N. Korea

AMMAN, May 22 (JNA). — The Cabinet Sunday approved the cultural agreement concluded between Jordan and North Korea. It authorised the president of the National Planning Council to sign the accord in the name of government.

Arab chambers of commerce eye setting up "Arab experts house"

AMMAN, May 21 (R). — A conference of Arab chambers of commerce has wound up its week-long meetings in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, with a recommendation calling for the creation of joint Arab-foreign chambers.

Jordan's delegation leader Mohammad Ali Budeir, who returned here today told the Jordan News Agency that the conference which was attended by the Arab League's 21-member states had also recommended the creation of an "Arab experts house" where expertise could be exchanged.

The 23-man delegation represented the chambers of commerce on both the East Bank and the occupied West Bank of the River Jordan.

The conference called on the Arab states to expedite the implementation of their development plans and paid tribute to efforts by the Arab League Economic Council to draw up a new agreement on inter-Arab trade.

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Prince Hassan to visit Poland, Austria soon

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They will be accompanied

Coming & Going

Qadhafi confers with Dabbas in Libya

TRIPOLI, Libya, May 22 (JNA). — Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qadhafi yesterday conferred with Jordan's Finance Minister Mohammad Dabbas who is here for economic talks with Libyan officials.

Ali Suheimat off to Budapest to sign transport agreement

AMMAN, May 22 (R). — Minister of Transport Ali Suheimat left for Budapest today to sign a transport agreement with Hungary, the official Jordan News Agency reported. Mr. Suheimat said the projected agreement provided for the transport of passengers as well as goods between the two countries and beyond them.

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NAME OF COMPANY	Par value	Volume traded	Last buying offer	Last selling offer	Closing price
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5.000	885	6.800	6.850	6.850
Jordan Phosphate Mines	JD 1.000	1,269	2.250	2.350	2.250
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5.000	1,155	—	—	16.500
Housing Bank	JD 1.000	1,460	1.150	—	1.150
Jordan - Kuwait Bank	JD 1.000	639	—	2.300	2.300
Dar Alawda Development & Investment Co.	JD 1.000	387	—	1.850	1.800
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1.000	2,025	1.300	1.400	1.350
Industrial, Commercial & Agricultural Co.	JD 1.000	843	2.250	2.400	2.350
Jordan Lime and Brick Industries Co.	JD 5.000	450	—	—	4.500
Total volume traded, Monday, May 22 JD 9,113					
Total number of shares traded 4,598					

JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

JORDAN TELEVISION

Channel 3 & 6:

5:30 Queen

5:45 Cartoons

6:00 Oregon Trail

7:00 Arabic programme

7:00 News in Arabic

11:15 News in Arabic

12:00 Sign-off

7:30 Arabic programme

10:00 News in English

10:15 Love Boat

9:00 Arabic programme

10:15 Arabic series

12:00 News

12:15 News

12:30 News

12:45 Comedy series

13:00 Behind the scenes

13:15 Closed doors

13:30 News

13:45 Sports Magazine

14:00 News in Hebrew

14:15 Sports Magazine

14:30 Comedy series

14:45 News

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Director General
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NOTICE

1. The Free Zones Corporation announces that the Jordanians cabinet has approved the allocation of a 5,200-dinum plot of land in the Azraq-Zarqa-Mafraq triangle to be used as a free zone.
2. The location will serve purposes of transit and re-exportation. The construction plan on the locality includes building large warehouses for commercial storage and cold stores for keeping materials that need refrigeration, permitting the construction of feasible export industries and leasing portions of the land for commercial and industrial purposes.
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Ministry of Finance, Office of the Free Zones Corporation.

4. It is requested that addresses of would-be dealers with the free zone at Zarqa should be clearly stated in their applications together with the post office box and telephone numbers.
5. Applications by mail should be received not later than 16/7/1978.
6. The corporation's office at the Finance Ministry is ready to answer any question and provide any required information.

Mohammad Dabbas,
Minister of Finance,
Head of the Administrative Council
of the Free Zones Corporation.

By Breda Finegan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 17 — Mr. Tom Craig, a director of Christie's, the world famous London auction house, was in Amman recently as part of a project geared towards helping potential Middle East buyers into the world of art and auction rooms.

Mr. Craig's visit is a reflection of the increasing interest shown by Arabs to buy back the carpets, calligraphy and other items of Islamic art which found their way into Western collections over the centuries and are now to be seen auctioned off at houses like Christie's both in Europe and America.

"The Middle East," said Mr. Craig in an interview with the Jordan Times, "is our fastest growing market because it is our newest market."

This is the first time Christie's has gone out deliberately to develop a growing market and one of the reasons, Mr. Craig said, was to try to keep works of art, particularly the Islamic works which the Arabs are going for now, out of the museums.

"Everything we sell that goes into a museum is lost forever" Mr. Craig stated emphatically. "Yes, and we want to keep art fluid," added his wife, Penelope, who is accompanying him on his current trip and, having a long standing interest in the fine arts herself, acts, as she said

with a smile, "as his unpaid helper".

Mr. Craig has been visiting Arab countries regularly for almost four years now and feels the time is almost ripe to start forming more concrete links.

"I have been visiting countries I see to be the more important places, like Jordan, and once having found people there I will set up a representative in each place... But, and this is a very big but, I only want a representative if I'm sure I've found the right person."

Mr. Craig believes it is very important to try to encourage Arabs themselves to be involved in the work at Christie's, not necessarily working in the auction rooms or even in London, but somehow to work in a consultative capacity. He would like at least one "distinguished" Arab for this kind of cooperation.

"I would hope such a man would be able to advise us in our work with the Middle East and in some ways that he would contribute ideas about how to do it himself."

"Finding such a man is an obvious next step and one I will pursue."

Christie's is already an international concern with agents in France, Holland, the USA, Mexico and even Australia.

Mr. Craig is quite sure that the Middle East has an important role to play in this organisation,

During his visit to Jordan Mr. Craig has already invited a number of people to visit Christie's in London. Unless they happen to come during an auction they will not be able to buy anything," he explained; they can look at the lots (items for sale) but until the actual auction will not be able to bargain or buy. "This," he said, "is something quite new to Arabs" who are used to walking into any store and buying there and then.

Overall total turnover for 1972/73 was £33,827,981. By 1976/77 this had increased a dramatic 100 per cent to reach £63,414,000.

Jewellery, Mr. Craig said, has probably been the fastest growing field with a turnover which more than doubled over the past four years. Figures for the jewellery turnover in the 1972/73 season came to £5,050,000 climbing to an unprecedented high of £10,778,000 by 1976/77.

Arabs have entered the market through jewellery for a number of reasons according to Mr. Craig. One being that jewellery, unlike art, can be graded and catalogued so one can be sure of the quality of the gem. Another reason is of course that Middle Easterners are more familiar with jewellery having used it in trade for centuries.

Figures for Iranian goods have also shown a tremendous increase since 1972, when the total turnover in Iranian goods clocked up £100,000. By 1976 that figure had reached over £2 million.

Mr. Craig is quite concerned about the popular image of Christie's as a place where everything costs thousands if not millions of pounds. In fact 60 per cent of lots go for less than £100. "It is only the really huge sells that get into the papers," he said.

He maintains that "rich, intelligent" men always spend their money finally on works of art. "Over 200 years of experience has taught us this and the Arabs are not going to be an exception to the rule," he stated confidently.

Ninety per cent of buying done in the auction rooms at Christie's is done by dealers on behalf of buyers. For this reason it is also difficult to estimate just how much of an impact on the market Middle Easterners have had over the past few years.

An idea of this impact can be formed by looking at the turnover figures at Christie's since the 1972/73 season -- a season being October to July.

His plan is roughly to identify the five or six key countries and concentrate on developing links with them. Possibilities are Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Jordan and maybe Egypt. "But," Mr. Craig cautioned, "I haven't finished looking yet, after Jordan I'm going on to Syria, so the 'key' countries have not yet been decided."

If Jordanians to decide to join the people who have discovered the "joy of collecting" in the auction rooms at Christie's they will certainly have

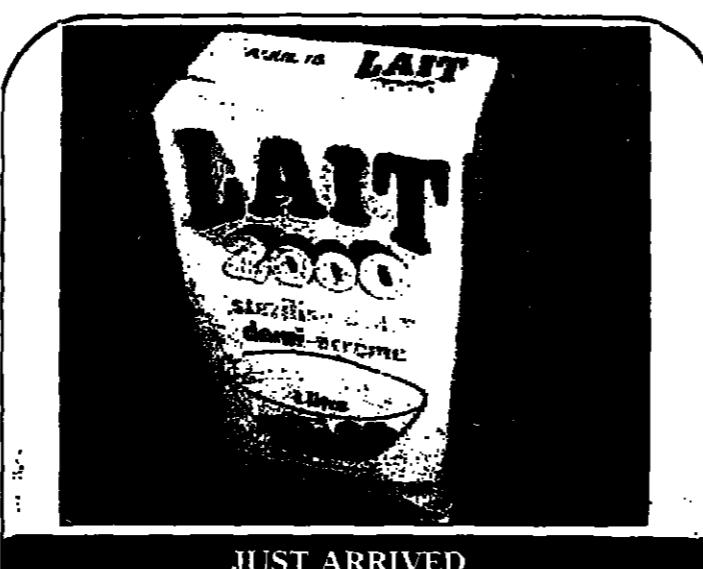


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So far Arab buyers have gone in for jewellery, Islamic calligraphy and carpets. What does Mr. Craig see as the next trend?

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: Make sure that you put in motion a new course of action that will expand your activities and bring you more abundance in the days ahead. Strive to be more successful.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Seek new interests that are appealing to you. Plan how to make a fine impression on higher-ups. Show that you have wisdom.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 18) Let your hunches lead you in the right direction now and increase your benefits. Don't take your mate so much for granted.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You can reach a fine understanding with your associates today if you are thoughtful of them.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You can accomplish great deal today if you get an early start. Show more camaraderie with co-workers.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Put those ideas across and you can get higher-ups to back your finest talents. Avoid an opponent who stands in the way of progress.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Try to cooperate more with family members and you find increased mutual happiness. Study all aspects of a new project.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Contact as many close pals as you possibly can and deepen the friendships. Try to promote more at your regular interests.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Be alert to opportunities that can add to your present abundance. Obtain the advice you need from a trusted ally. Take health treatments.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You must go after our personal aims in a vigorous manner if you want to be successful. Think constructively.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Study the overall picture of your goals and take positive steps to achieve them. Strive for increased happiness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Be your gregarious self today and come to a better understanding with everyone. Safeguard your reputation.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Engage in a civic matter and gain much satisfaction. Avoid one who is jealous of you and could do you harm. Use common sense.

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UAE president says

Arabs would not stop oil to West unless subjected to aggression

ABU DHABI, May 22 (R). — United Arab Emirates (UAE) President Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahyan said in an interview released here yesterday that Arab countries would not stop oil supplies to the West unless subjected to aggression.

The official Emirates News Agency, which carried the interview, said Sheikh Zayed was replying to questions by the Chicago Tribune newspaper.

Asked if there was a danger that Arab producers might stop oil supplies to the West if no Middle East peace settlement were reached, Sheikh Zayed said:

"Why should there be such

a danger? What would make Arab states halt exports to the West unless there is an aggression against them. Should such an aggression occur, then these countries would not be able, even if they wanted, to export their oil because of the war. But as long as friendship exists, why should Arab states try to halt oil exports?"

He said Arab countries did not want war in the Middle

East. "It is Israel which has the desire for war and as evidence, it is still pursuing an aggressive, expansionist policy."

Sheikh Zayed said there would be no durable peace in the Middle East without the establishment of an independent Palestinian state which would guarantee the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

The UAE president thought Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's peace initiative would achieve no positive results.

President Sadat launched his initiative out of his belief that it was in the interest of the Arabs, "but the enemy (Israel) confronted this initiative with hostility and ferocity," Sheikh Zayed said.

So far no results have appeared and most probably nothing would be achieved, he added.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

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Zia-ul-Haq

RAWALPINDI, May 22 (R). — A fire raged through the offices of Pakistan's military ruler, General Zia-ul-Haq, today causing extensive damage to the Associated Press of Pakistan News Agency said.

It was reported that the fire began in an air conditioning plant. It did not say whether the general was at his desk in the chief martial law administrator's secretariat when the fire broke out.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

Prices fell Monday in limited trading, with sentiment depressed by the prospects of higher interest rates, dealers said.

Government bonds lost up to 1/2 point before steady trading slightly at the close to finish with net falls ranging to around 3/8 point. Much of the business was among shorter maturities dealers added.

Equities, leaders were mostly easier but a few issues made minor gains. At 15:00 the F.T. index was down to 468.5.

Gold shares extended this morning's small gains, helped by the higher bullion price but trading interest was low, dealers said.

U.S. and Canadian issues eased slightly.

Price of gold closed in London Monday at \$179.20/oz.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Dodgers beat Giants on home runs

NEW YORK, May 22 (AP). — The Los Angeles Dodgers and Cincinnati Reds pulled within one-half game of front-running San Francisco in the National League West and the Boston Red Sox remained in a virtual first-place tie with Detroit in the American League East yesterday.

The Dodgers beat the Giants 4-1 on home runs by Lee Lacy and Ron Cey. Burt Hooton got the victory with relief help from Lance Quatman and Terry Forster. Jack Clark homered for the Giants.

Cincinnati gained a split of a doubleheader with San Diego, winning the nightcap 1-0 on John d'Acquisto's bases-loaded wild pitch in the fifth inning. Tom Seaver combined with Dave Tomlin and Doug Bair for the shutout. The Padres won the opener 7-2, capitalizing on three Cincinnati errors to score five unearned runs.

In the A.L. East race, Jason Thompson's tie-breaking homer in the sixth inning and Milt Wilcox's six-hitter carried Detroit to a 2-1 first-game victory. But the Red Sox stormed back for a 9-3 triumph in the nightcap on Bob Montgomery's four hits and four runs batted in.

In the rest of the National League it was New York 6-5 over Philadelphia in ten innings, Chicago 3-2 over St. Louis, Pittsburgh 7-0 over Montreal and Atlanta 6-4 over Houston.

In other American League play it was Minnesota 3-2 over Kansas City, Texas 5-4 over Seattle, Milwaukee 2-1 over California and, in three other doubleheaders, New York 2-1 and 9-1 over Toronto, Baltimore 3-0 over Cleveland in the opener and the Indians 3-2 victory in the second game, and Chicago 6-2 over Oakland in the opener and the A's 8-0 winners in the finale.

The Mets beat Philadelphia on Lee Mazilli's infield hit and Steve Henderson's double. The loss cut the Phils' N.L. East lead over the Cubs to one-half game. Chicago handed the Cards their tenth straight loss on Dave Rader's tie-breaking double in the sixth inning.

Remote Stennett's grand slam and the combined six-hit pitching of John Candelaria and Kent Tekulve carried Pittsburgh past the Expos. Jerry Royster's two-run triple pushed Atlanta over the Astros.

Rod Carew stroked two doubles and a single Sunday, driving in two runs in Minnesota' victory over Kansas City. Al Oliver drove in three runs, including the game-winner with a ninth-inning double, as the Rangers beat Seattle. Cecil Cooper's fourth hit, a

two-out single in the ninth, boosted the Brewers past California. Cliff Johnson's two-run homer in the first game and Thurman Munson's four RBI, two on a homer, in the night cap led the Yankees to their sweep of the Blue Jays.

Cleveland's David Clyde picked up his second straight victory in the nightcap after Scott McGregor's second straight four-hitter won it for Baltimore in the opener.

Run-scoring singles by Jim Moore and Eric Soderholm in the eighth inning moved the White Sox past Oakland in the first game. Mitchell Page had five RBI and John Johnson pitched a three-hitter for the A's to gain a split.

Baseball results and standings after Sunday's games:

AMERICAN LEAGUE EAST:

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Detroit	23	12	.657	—
Boston	25	14	.641	—
New York	23	14	.622	1
Milwaukee	18	19	.486	6
Cleveland	18	19	.486	6
Baltimore	16	21	.432	8
Toronto	14	23	.378	10

WEST:

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oakland	24	15	.615	—
California	23	16	.589	2
Kansas City	19	17	.528	3+
Texas	19	17	.528	9
Minnesota	15	24	.385	10
Chicago	12	23	.343	11
Seattle	14	27	.341	11

Sunday's games:

New York 2-9	Toronto 1-1
Baltimore 3-2	Cleveland 0-3
Minnesota 3	Kansas City 2
Detroit 2-3	Boston 1-9
Milwaukee 2	California 1
Texas 6-0	Oakland 2-8
Texas 5	Seattle 4

NATIONAL LEAGUE EAST:

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Philadelphia	19	16	.543	—
Chicago	19	17	.528	2
Montreal	18	19	.486	2
Pittsburgh	17	19	.472	2+
New York	18	22	.450	3+
St. Louis	14	25	.359	7

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